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SUBJECT: SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION FSL TRAINING

1. SSA PLANS TO SPONSOR A TECHNICAL TRAINING AND PROGRAM ORIENTATION SESSION FOR SELECTED FOREIGN SERVICE LOCALS WHO PERFORM FEDERAL BENEFITS WORK AT ADDRESSEE POSTS. THE FIVE WEEK PROGRAM WILL TAKE PLACE IN SSA DIVISION OF INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, APRIL 18, 1977 THRU MAY 20, 1977.

2. SELECTED PARTICIPANTS SHOULD HAVE CURRENT EXPERIENCE
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WITH AND DEMONSTRATE INTEREST IN FEDERAL BENEFITS WORK. THEY SHOULD ALSO BE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE IN THIS ACTIVITY FOR SEVERAL YEARS AFTER RETURNING TO POST. BASED ON PREVIOUS CONTACTS WITH MESSRS. D'ANGELO, BOWLING, BRETT AND ARCHULETA, SSA WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS: MRS. MARISA B. CALI-PALERMO, MR. HANAH MALKI-JERUSALEM, MS. MARIA ESTA OLEA-MEXICO CITY, MR. FRANCISCO

ROJAS-HERMOSILLO, MS. HANAH SILBERMAN-TEL AVIV, MISS
MARGARETA WEIN-DUSSELDORF.

3. ADDRESSEE POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO CONFIRM BY MARCH 11
WHETHER EMPLOYEES INDICATED IN PARA TWO WILL BE AVAILABLE
FOR TRAINING PROGRAM DURING DATES MENTIONED.

4. THE DEPARTMENT IS ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE A TWO DAY
BRIEFING PERIOD DURING THE FIVE-WEEK TRAINING SESSION
WHICH WILL PERMIT THE FSL'S TO CONSULT WITH OFFICERS OF
OTHER AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON.

5. ALL TRANSPORTATION, PER DIEM NOT TO EXCEED THE THIRTY-
FIVE DOLLAR DAILY MAXIMUM RATE, AND RELATED TRAVEL
EXPENSES FOR THE TRAINING PROGRAM IN BALTIMORE SHOULD BE
CHARGED TO SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION APPROPRIATION
SYBMOL 7578704, ALLOTMENT 40051505.253P. POSTS SHOULD
HOWEVER, HANDLE THE ISSUANCE OF TRAVEL ORDERS, TICKETS
ADVANCES, AND FINAL VOUCHERING IN ACCORDANCE WITH DEPT
OF STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS.

6. LUMP SUM TRAVEL ADVANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF DOLLARS 1,120
COVERING 32 DAYS (5 WEEKS MINUS 2 DAY CONSULTATION IN
WASHINGTON) SHOULD BE PAID TO TRAINEES BEFORE DEPARTURE
FROM POST. FISCAL DATA NEEDED TO COVER 2 DAY CONSULTATION
PERIOD IN WASHINGTON WILL BE PROVIDED AT A LATER DATE. IF
ANY POST HAS A LIMIT ON THE AMOUNT OF DOLLARS A FSL IS
PERMITTED TO RECEIVE AT ONE TIME DUE TO FOREIGN
CURRENCY RESTRICTIONS, BALANCE OF TRAVEL ADVANCE SHOULD BE
MAILED PRIOR TO TRAINEES' ARRIVAL IN U.S. TO FOLLOWING
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ADDRESS: MR. COOPER BEARFIELD, TRAINING COORDINATOR, 1953
DEERPARK ROAD, FINKSBURG, MARYLAND 21048. IT IS EXTREMELY
DIFFICULT FOR HEW TO ADVANCE FUNDS TO FSL'S WHILE IN THE
U.S. TRAVEL ON FLIGHT TICKETS BEARING ROUND TRIP
EXCURSION TIME LIMITATIONS SHOULD NOT BE USED. POSTS ARE
ALSO REMINDED TO INCLUDE 22 LBS. EXCESS BAGGAGE WITH GTR
PER REGULATIONS.

7. ALL FSL'S PARTICIPATING IN PROGRAM MUST OBTAIN FULL
MEDICAL AND HOSPITALIZATION INSURANCE FOR PERIOD OF
TRAINING WHICH WILL COVER INDIVIDUALS WHILE IN THE U.S.
THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, BUREAU OF EDUCATION AND CULTURAL
AFFAIRS, GROUP ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS PROGRAM UNDERWRITTEN
BY SUPREME LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA, WILL PROVIDE
SHORT TERM COVERAGE FOR TRAINEES WHILE IN U.S. APPLICATION
FORMS BEING FORWARDED TO SUBJECTS FOR THEIR COMPLETION
PRIOR TO THEIR ARRIVAL IN BALTIMORE. COST OF SECURING
INSURANCE MUST BE BORNE BY TRAINEES.

8. POSTS SHOULD CABLE SSA/DIO FLIGHT NUMBERS AND ARRIVAL
TIMES OF TRAINEES AS SOON AS DETAILS KNOW TO FACILITATE
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